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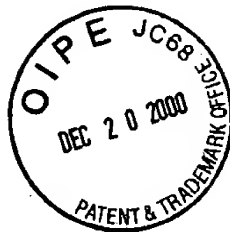
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : ELECTRODE PLATE UNIT FOR RECHARGEABLE BATTERY AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF



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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-220715, which was published on August 18, 1995, along with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent document and enclosed Abstract. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/614,769, which was filed on July 12, 2000;

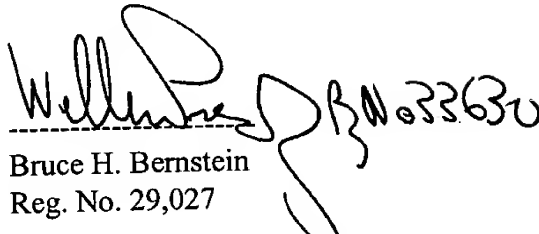
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/680,296, which was filed on October 16, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/694,347, which was filed on October 24, 2000.

Copies of the above-noted documents have been attached hereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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